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**This issue: Talkin' Trash...**

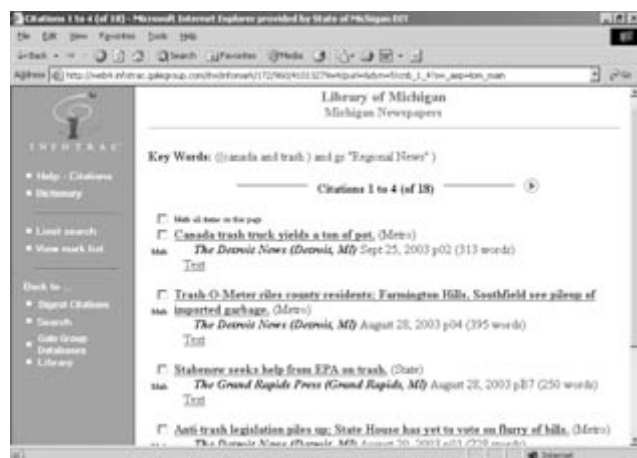
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### Welcome

This is the introductory issue of the Library of Michigan's Legislative and State Employees Services Newsletter! We want this monthly publication to be a quick way to alert you to new resources and to reacquaint you with the tried and true. Each issue will have a topical focus. Our hope is to show you how our resources can help you with your work.

### Resources Spotlight

**Michigan Newspapers** is a new database within the Infotrac collection. It provides selective fulltext access to papers including the *Detroit News*, *Grand Rapids Press*, and the *Port Huron Times Herald*, so it's a good source to consider for regional news. Here's an excerpt of results from a search on **Canadian trash imports** –



### Selected Library Resources & Web Sites

#### **Need to do a little trash talking??**

McCarthy, James and Anne Hardenbergh. *Interstate Shipment of Municipal Solid Waste, Update 2002*. Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress, 2002.

*Report of Solid Waste Landfilled in Michigan, October 1, 2001 – September 30, 2002*. Waste and Hazardous Materials Division, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, 2003.

*Canadian Trash in Michigan*. Canadian Studies Resources page at Michigan State University. <http://mcsrt.org/resources/trash/>

*Don't Trash Michigan*. <http://www.stoptrash.org>

*No Waste*. Network of Waste Activists Stopping Trash Exports. <http://members.tripod.com/nowaste/>

*Trashometer*. Michigan Quality of Life Fund. <http://www.trashometer.com>



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### **Garbage Fast Facts\***

- ☞ Michigan is the 3rd largest state in trash imports.
- ☞ In 2001, Michigan imported 3.6 million tons of trash.
- ☞ Waste imports to Michigan have doubled since 1999.
- ☞ Over 95% of returnable bottles are returned in Michigan.
- ☞ There are 80 waste disposal facilities in Michigan.
- ☞ Half of Michigan's imported waste in 2001 was from Ontario and that was before Toronto began shipping the majority of its waste to Michigan.

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### **Constituent Tips**

Testing, 1 2 3.... Encourage your constituents to take advantage of the convenience of home access to online practice tests. **Learnatest** is available through MeL, the Michigan e-Library. This database includes practice tests for a multitude of standardized exams such as SAT, Civil Service, and the GED, as well as vocational exams including nursing and real estate. Have them start at **mel.org**, or refer them to their local public library for details.

Another new resource available through MeL is full text of **Consumer Reports**. Access spans from May 2002 thru present. Once logged on to MeL, they will find Consumer Reports in the *Infotrac Onefile with Ingenta* database. Again, refer them to their local public library for detailed help.

### **Database Spotlight**

CQ Researcher is a weekly public policy "hot topic" magazine, each week dedicated to in depth coverage of a particular topic. For an idea of the kind of topics covered, see the list of Recent Issues in the picture below. This database offers searchable, fulltext access from 1991 to current. Access CQ Researcher from your desktop - [http://www.michigan.gov/hal/0,1607,7-160-17451\\_18673\\_19391-52454--,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/hal/0,1607,7-160-17451_18673_19391-52454--,00.html).

